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In re Application of	:
Manchun Lu et al.	:
Application No. 10/628,778	: DECISION REFUSING STATUS
Filed: July 28, 2003	: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)
Attorney Docket No. 102132-14	:

This is in response to the petition filed March 23, 2004 under 37 CFR 1.47(b).

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Rule 47 applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the mailing date of this decision to reply, correcting the below-noted deficiencies. Any reply should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(b)," and should only address the deficiencies noted below, except that the reply may include an oath or declaration executed by the non-signing inventor. **FAILURE TO RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT OF THE APPLICATION.** Extensions of time may be obtained in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The above-identified application was filed July 28, 2003, without an executed oath or declaration. Accordingly, on May 5, 2004, although after the filing of the instant petition, a "Notice To File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" was mailed, requiring an executed oath or declaration and a surcharge for the late filing of the oath or declaration.

The present petition is filed accompanied by the late filing surcharge and petition fee.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) requires:

- (1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings);
- (2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116;
- (3) the petition fee;
- (4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor;
- (5) proof of proprietary interest, and
- (6) proof of irreparable damage.

The petition lacks items (2), (5) and (6). In regards to item (2), an oath or declaration for the patent application in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 has not been

presented. A declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, 1.64, and 1.67 must be presented, signed by all of the signing inventors, if any. If no inventor(s) will sign the declaration, the declaration may be signed on behalf of the inventor by an assignee. The oath or declaration must be signed by an officer of the corporation (president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer) on behalf of and as agent for the non-signing inventor(s). The office must identify his/her title in the declaration, as well as his/her mailing address, residence, if the applicant lives at a different location from where he or she customarily receives mail, as well as the citizenship of individual signing on behalf of the non-signing inventor. If the oath or declaration is not signed by an officer of the corporation, then proof of authority of the person signing on behalf of the corporation must be submitted.¹

In regards to item (5), petitioner must provide proof that the Rule 1.47(b) applicant has sufficient proprietary interest in the subject matter to justify the filing of the application.² Petitioners should provide a copy of the employment agreement between the non-signing inventors and the Rule 1.47(b) applicant (company); a copy of an assignment agreement showing that the invention disclosed in the application is assigned to the Rule 1.47(b) applicant; or a legal memorandum signed by an attorney familiar with the law of the jurisdiction stating that a court of competent jurisdiction would by the weight of authority in that jurisdiction award the title of the invention to the Rule 1.47(b) applicant.

In regards to item (6), petitioner must provide proof of irreparable damages in accordance with MPEP 409.03(g).

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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¹MPEP 409.03(b).

²MPEP 409.03(f).